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SUBJECT: MILITARY ABSENTEE CASE: STEPHEN WECHSLER

1. STEPHEN WECHSLER, AKA VICTOR GROSSMAN, PFC, US51079540,
WHO DEFECTED FROM THE U.S. ARMY ON AUGUST 17, 1952, APPEARED
AT THE EMBASSY ON MAY 20, 1977, TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY
OF HIS RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL.

2. WECHSLER STATED THAT HE WAS ADVISED TO USE THE AKA
VICTOR GROSSMAN, BY GDR AUTHORITIS AT THE TIME OF HIS
DEFECTION, ALLEGEDLY TO PROTECT HIS PARENTS IN THE UNITED
STATES FROM POSSIBLE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. HE HAS
USED THE NAME SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE GDR.

3. HE IS MARRIED TO A GDR CITIZEN AND HAS TWO SONS,
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THOMAS AGE 21, A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, AND TIMOTHY, AGE
15, ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL. WECHSLER DESCRIBES
HIMSELF AS AN AUTHOR AND FREE LANCE JOURNALIST,BUT DID
NOT VOLUNTEER SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HIS LIFE IN
THE GDR.

4. WECHSLER CANNOT TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF EASTERN EUROPE,

WHICH HAMPERS BOTH HIS CALLINGS AS AN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST. HE IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO U.S. CONTROL BUT WOULD FIRST LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC CHARGES ARE OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM.

5. REQUEST INFO ADDRESSEES PROVIDE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON WECHSLER SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH HIM TO PERSUADE HIM TO RETURN TO U.S. MILITARY CONTROL.
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